

27 October 1950

The following papers have been forwarded to AD/ORE:

1. Secret Memo (ER-1-3045A) Subj: Comment on Report Entitled "Evaluation of the Present Hungarian Army". (6 cc.)
2. ~~Confidential Ltr., dtd 10/9/50, to Gen. Smith from Ambassador Grew forwarding above subject report. (ER-1-3045)~~
3. Ltr., dtd 9/25/50. to [ ] from [ ] forwarding subject report. (ER-1-3045)
4. Report entitled "Evaluation of the Present Hungarian Army"
5. lcc of ltr, dtd 10/26/50 from Gen. Smith to Ambassador Grew thanking him for fwd. subj. report.

October 26, 1950

Dear Ambassador Grew,

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Thank you for your letter of 7 October, enclosing the report by [redacted] entitled "Evaluation of the Present Hungarian Army".

The report has been examined by my analysts who consider it to be valuable, informative, and useful. Discussion of the political indoctrination of military personnel, training and indoctrination of military manpower by age classes, weaknesses in the officer corps, financing of the army, etc., is of considerable interest and value. On many of these subjects the source appears to have excellent background and information although my people do feel that the accuracy of specific information is questionable. You may be assured that this report will be handled as confidential.

Your congratulations on my new assignment are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Walter B. Smith*

Ambassador Joseph C. Grew

[redacted]  
Washington, D. C.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Comment on Report Entitled "Evaluation of the  
Present Hungarian Army"

The subject report has been examined by analysts in O/RE and G-2 who agree that the report is valuable and informative, although they feel that the accuracy of specific information is questionable.

Portions of the report which deal with the strength and size of Hungarian forces do not agree with present G-2 estimates. The report states that Hungary presently has eight army divisions. G-2 accepts the existence of only three divisions and believes that eight divisions is more probably the planned goal of the Hungarian Army.

Although the source appears to be well informed on possible Communist military plans in Hungary, he is probably mistaken in assuming that these plans have been completed successfully.

Discussion of the political indoctrination of military personnel, training and indoctrination of military manpower by age classes, weaknesses in the officer corps, financing of the army, etc., is of considerable interest and value. On many of these subjects the source appears to have excellent background and information.

The general analysis of the political and sociological situation in Hungary, as well as other aspects such as security and morale, appears to be quite accurate and in substantial agreement with information from other sources.

In general, despite inaccuracies, particularly with regard to Hungary's present military situation, the report is considered to be interesting, valuable, and useful.

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